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SUBJECT: SOVIET TREATMENT OF YUGOSLAV MILITARY

DELEGATION VISIT TO CHINA

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SOVIET PRESS TO DATE HAS
CARRIED TWO BRIEF TASS ARTICLES ON VISIT OF CHIEF
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OF YUGOSLAV GENERAL STAFF TO CHINA. FIRST ARTICLE,
DATE LINED BELGRADE AND PRINTED IN SEPTEMBER 7
PRAVDA, REPORTS YUGOSLAV ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT
AND DESCRIBES IT AS "FLOWING OUT OF" RECENT HUA
TRIP TO YUGOSLAVIA. SECOND TASS ARTICLE, DATE-
LINED PEKING AND PRINTED IN SEPTEMBER 11 PRAVDA,
NOTES HUA KUO-FENG'S RECEPTION OF GROUP, NCNA

CHARACTERIZATION OF MEETING WITH HUA AS OCCURRING IN "A CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE", AND STATEMENT (AGAIN QUOTING NCNA) THAT HUA USED MEETING TO NOTE "THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND YUGOSLAV PARTIES AND BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND ARMIES." END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: SOVIET AND AMERICAN SCHOLARS WORKING IN ASIAN FIELD JUST CONCLUDED A WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE IN BAKU. INTERESTINGLY, SOVIET SCHOLARS AVOIDED THE SUBJECT OF THE PRC'S BALKAN DIPLOMACY IN THEIR FORMAL PAPERS AND REMARKS, BUT DID COMMENT ON THIS TOPIC DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS. (GREEK DCM TOLD EMBOFFS SEPTEMBER 12 THAT THE SOVIET SIDE ALSO STEERED CLEAR OF THE SUBJECT DURING GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT THIS PAST WEEK.) ONE SOVIET SCHOLAR ALLUDED TO A SOVIET REPLAY OF THE EARLIER FINANCIAL TIMES STORY ON YUGOSLAV ARMS SALES TO CHINA (REFTEL) IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ATTENDING BAKU CONFERENCE AND OBSERVED THAT THE BRIEF SEPTEMBER 7 ARTICLE IN PRAVDA SEEMED TO HIM TO BE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM IN THE PRESS THAT DAY. GARRISON

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